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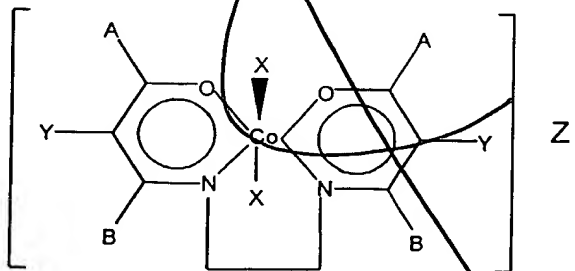
AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2001.

Please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

--1. (Amended) A method for prophylaxis of Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection in a subject comprising topically applying to the subject a composition comprising a Human Immunodeficiency Virus prophylactic effective amount of a compound having the structure



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wherein each

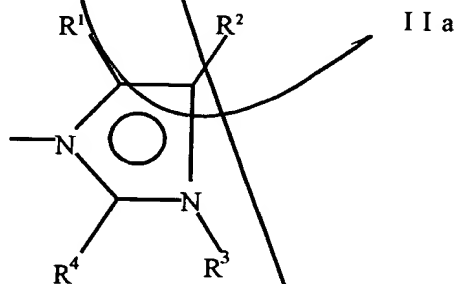
A may be the same or different and is an alkyl group, a phenyl group or a substituted derivative of a phenyl group;

Y may be the same or different and is hydrogen, an unbranched alkyl group, a halide or a group having the structure $\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}-$ wherein R is hydrogen, an alkoxide group, an alkyl group, or OH;

B may be the same or different and each is hydrogen or an alkyl group;

Z is a soluble, pharmaceutically acceptable negative ion, and

X may be the same or different and is an axial ligand selected from the group consisting of moieties having the formula:



wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 may be the same or different and may be hydrogen or lower alkyl having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

with the proviso that R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , and R^4 are of a sufficiently small size so as not to prohibit the attachment of the axial ligand to the Co atom due to steric hindrance.--